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The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A timepiece comprising:

a dial having a dial cover and a time display section on an inner peripheral side thereof;

an hour hand being mounted on the time display section and having an hour hand rotating shaft disposed at a position different from the center position of the time display section;

a minute hand being mounted on the time display section and having a minute hand rotating shaft disposed at a position different from the center position of the time display section and concentric with the hour hand rotating shaft;

a pointer being mounted at a position eccentric from the center of the time display section and different from the hour hand rotating shaft and minute hand rotating shaft on the time display section and having a pointer rotating shaft, a dimension A from the pointer rotating shaft to a tip of the pointer being greater than a dimension B from the minute hand rotating shaft to the tip of the minute hand, and the pointer rotating shaft being disposed at a position away from the hour hand rotating shaft by a distance less than the dimension A and greater than the dimension B; and

a movement being configured to drive the hour hand, the minute, and the pointer.

2. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 1, wherein

the pointer rotating shaft is disposed on the opposite side of the center position of the time display section from the hour hand and minute hand rotating shafts.

3. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 2, wherein
the pointer rotating shaft is disposed at a position eccentric from the center position of the time display section in a 12:00 direction, and

the hour hand rotating shaft and the minute hand rotating shaft are disposed at a position eccentric from the ~~enter~~ center position of the time display section in a 6:00 direction.

4. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 3, further comprising,
a case to accommodate the dial, the hour hand, the minute hand, the pointer, and the movement,[[;]] and
a wrist mounting strap connected to the case.

5. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 1, further comprising,
a seconds hand that is mounted on the time display section and has a seconds hand rotating shaft at a position different from ~~said~~ the pointer rotating shaft, wherein a dimension C from the seconds hand rotating shaft to the tip of the seconds hand is less than the dimension A, and the seconds hand rotating shaft is disposed at a position away from the pointer rotating shaft by a distance greater than the dimension C and less than the dimension A.

6. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 5, wherein
the pointer rotating shaft is disposed at a position eccentric from the center of the time
display section in ~~a 12:00 a 12:00~~ direction,

the hour hand rotating shaft and the minute hand rotating shaft are disposed at a
position eccentric from the center of the time display section in a 6:00 direction, and
the seconds hand rotating shaft is disposed at a position eccentric from the center of
the time display section in a 10:00 direction.

7. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 6, further comprising,
a second pointer that is disposed on the time display section and has a second pointer
rotating shaft at a position different from said rotating shaft, wherein a dimension D from the
second pointer rotating shaft to the tip of the second pointer is less than the dimension A, and
the second pointer rotating shaft is disposed at a position away from the pointer rotating shaft
by a distance less than the dimension A, wherein

the second pointer rotating shaft is disposed at a position eccentric from the center of
the time display section about in a 2:00 direction.

8. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 7, wherein
the second pointer is configured to be capable of rotating only within a specific
angular range, and

the second pointer rotating shaft is disposed at a position away from the pointer rotating shaft by a distance less than the dimension D.

9. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 8, further comprising,
a case to accommodate the dial, the hour hand, the minute hand, the pointer, and the movement, and
a wrist mounting strap connected to the case.

10. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 1, further comprising,
a second pointer that is mounted on the time display section and has a second pointer rotating shaft at a position different from said the pointer rotating shaft, wherein a dimension D from the second pointer rotating shaft to the tip of the second pointer is less than the dimension A, and the second pointer rotating shaft is disposed at a position away from the pointer rotating shaft by a distance less than the dimension A.

11. (Currently Amended) A The timepiece according to claim 10, wherein
comprising:
a dial having a dial cover and a time display section on an inner peripheral side
thereof;

an hour hand being mounted on the time display section and having an hour hand rotating shaft disposed at a position different from the center position of the time display section;

a minute hand being mounted on the time display section and having a minute hand rotating shaft disposed at a position different from the center position of the time display section;

a first pointer being mounted on the time display section and having a first pointer rotating shaft arranged to be eccentric from the center of the time display section and arranged in a different location from the minute hand rotating shaft and the hour hand rotating shaft on the time display section, a dimension A from the first pointer rotating shaft to a tip of the first pointer being greater than a dimension B from the minute hand rotating shaft to the tip of the minute hand, and the first pointer rotating shaft being disposed at a position away from the hour hand rotating shaft by a distance less than the dimension A and greater than the dimension B;

a second pointer being mounted on the time display section and having a second pointer rotating shaft arranged eccentric from the center of the time display section and different from the first pointer rotating shaft, the second pointer is being configured to be capable of rotating only within a specific angular range, a dimension D from the second pointer rotating shaft to a tip of the second pointer being shorter than the dimension A, and the second pointer rotating shaft is being disposed at a position away from the pointer rotating shaft by a distance less than the dimension D; and

a movement being configured to drive the hour hand, the minute hand, the first pointer, and the second pointer.

12. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 10, wherein
the second pointer rotating shaft is disposed at a position eccentric from the center of
the time display section about in a 2:00 direction,
the pointer rotating shaft is disposed at a position eccentric from the center of the time
display section in a 12:00 direction, and
the hour hand rotating shaft and the minute hand rotating shaft are disposed at a
position eccentric from the center of the time display section in a 6:00 direction.

13. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 12, further comprising,
a case to accommodate the dial, the hour hand, the minute hand, the pointer, and the
movement, and
a wrist mounting strap connected to the case.

14. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 10, wherein
the pointer is a ~~second~~ seconds chronograph hand, and the second pointer is a minute
chronograph hand.

15. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 14, further comprising,
a date display section to display the date on the dial.

16. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 15, further comprising,
a case to accommodate the dial, the hour hand, the minute hand, the pointer, and the
movement, and
a wrist mounting strap connected to the case.

17. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 16, wherein
the dial has second seconds chronograph graduations and minute chronograph
graduations.

18. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 1, wherein
the movement has a first layer near the dial and a second layer overlapping the first
layer and separated from the dial,
the second layer has an electric power generating device and a secondary power
source to store electric power generated by the electric power generating device, and
the first layer has an electric motor driven by the electric power and a gear train to
transmit the rotation of the electric motor to the pointer.

19. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 18, further comprising a back
cover, wherein

the movement is disposed between the dial and the back cover at a position wherein the first layer is near the dial and the second layer is near the back cover.

20. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 1, further comprising,
a gear that has a heart-cam and is designed to hold the pointer,
a gear train to transmit the driving force from the movement to the gear,
a return-to-zero hammer capable of moving between a return-to-zero position in contact with the heart-cam and a position away from the heart-cam,
a first external operating member,
an operating lever that moves the return-to-zero hammer to a position away from the heart-cam in conjunction with the operation of the first external operating member when the return-to-zero hammer is in contact with the heart-cam, and that is positioned at a set position except during the operation of the first external operating member,
a second external operating member, and
a return-to-zero transmission hammer to control the return-to-zero hammer at a position in which pressure is applied to the heart-cam in conjunction with the operation of the second external operating member.